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Dear DoJ:

Several sections of the proposed settlement with Microsoft appear not to be reining in its abuse of its monopoly power, but rather empowering it to extend that power!

For instance Section III(J)(2)(c) effectively gives Microsoft the power to kill not-for-profit and other Open Source projects with a clause that permits them to determine if a business

"...(c) meets reasonable, objective standards established by Microsoft for certifying the authenticity and viability of its business, ..."

I urge you to reconsider the fundamental nature of this settlement, lest it have the effect of further extending the power of the convicted monopolists, Microsoft Corporation.

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